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THREE BANDITS DROP TO DEATH

Notorious Carbn Murderers Pay Penalty for Many Heinous Crimes Upon Scaffold in Chicago.

Neidermeier, Leader of the Three, Precedes His Friends to Awful Fate.

TOO WEAK TO STAND ALONE

Trap Is Sprung While Fiend Sits in Chair and Horrified Spectators Witness Awful Death Struggle.

Chicago, April 22.—Peter Neidermeier, the first of the carbn bandits to be hanged, was hanged in the county jail at 10:35 o'clock. He was carried to the gallows, handcuffed and strapped. He was placed in a chair on the drop and fell with the chair. Although it was first believed by the physicians that he was strangling, it developed that his neck was broken.

Chicago, April 22.—Compelled to be carried to the scaffold, Peter Neidermeier, leader of the carbn bandits, was hanged here today, at 10:35 o'clock. Weak and pale, but with a slight suggestion of a smile, the bandit failed to carry out his oft-repeated boast that he would die before reaching the gallows. The hanging of his associates, Gustav Marx and Harvey Van Dine, followed quickly.

Although it was expected at first that Neidermeier would be able to walk to the gallows with but little or no assistance, it was found at the last moment that he was too weak. Straps were placed over his ankles and just above his knees. He was then placed on a truck and wheeled to one of the lower floors of the jail, after which he was carried to the scaffold and placed in a chair on the trap. He was asked the customary question if he had anything to say and the noose was quickly placed around his neck. He instinctively put his neck into the noose and the trap was sprung. The body shot through the trap and for 20 minutes after moved convulsively, the phy-

sicians at first being of the opinion that he was strangling to death and that the rope had been placed too low. After examination, however, the physicians announced that his neck had been broken. Neidermeier appeared on the scaffold wearing a red rose, but without a coat.

Neidermeier Shows His Nerve.

Previous to the execution and during the reading of the death warrant, Neidermeier snatched the paper from the chief deputy's hands and placed it in a pocket and made remarks in anger at this time and once or twice when he was being taken to the scaffold.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Marx was led to the scaffold. He was neatly dressed and wore a white rose as a boutonniere, given him by his young sister the night before. He was pale, but his courage never left him while he stood on the scaffold. He made no statement. Two priests of the Roman Catholic church, of which Marx had become a member, accompanied him to the gallows. He repeated a litany with them and kissed the crucifix, after which the jailer put on the noose and sprung the trap at 11:17. He was pronounced dead at 11:34, his neck having been broken.

Harvey Van Dine was hanged a short interval after his companion, Marx, a few days before a bitter enemy of Van Dine, but now the best of friends in their last hours of life. Incidents in Van Dine's execution were similar to those that characterized the execution of Marx. Like Marx, Van Dine was composed preceding his execution.

Van Dine Is Calm.

With the Catholic priests who accompanied him, Van Dine walked unflatteringly to the scaffold attired entirely in black, like Marx, and wearing a white waistcoat and white rose. Van Dine seemed to be even more calm than his companion, Marx, who went to death shortly before. Van Dine made no statement of any kind while on the scaffold, but the prayer which he repeated with his spiritual advisers was quite audible. With Van Dine's lips still moving in prayer, the trap was sprung at 11:55. His neck was broken.

Before Neidermeier was taken to the gallows he was asked if, like his companions, he wished to accept the sacraments. He answered that he cared nothing for spiritual attendance, and wished this belief to follow him to the gallows.

Spectators See Death Struggle.

When the drop fell the shroud about Neidermeier's body fell apart, and to the onlookers was revealed for 20 minutes the horrifying struggles of the desperado. The death of Marx and Van Dine was unaccompanied by any similar spectacle.

A dramatic incident, however, preceded the execution of Neidermeier.

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ALEXIEFF REPORTS LOSS OF TWENTY-ONE MEN THROUGH EXPLOSION OF MINE

Russian Officer and Force Meet Death While Engaged in Placing Infernal Machine in Harbor.

Mine Explodes Prematurely Killing Lieutenant and Others Who Were Doing Their Work in Launches—Operations of Scouts on Banks of Yalu Continue Lively on Both Sides—Report Sent Out That Japs Lose.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—The czar has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff, bearing today's date:

"I respectfully report to your majesty today that during the placing of a mine by some launches, Lieutenant Pelland and 20 men were killed through the mine exploding prematurely."

St. Petersburg, April 22.—The following from Viceroy Alexieff has been received by the czar: "Our scouts have killed two Japanese scouts, one of whom appeared to be an officer. On our right flank our scouts executed daring reconnaissances extending over several days on the left bank of the Yalu, as the result which it has been ascertained there are only a few troops south of the river Pokakua, but that the Japanese there are occupied in preparing boats. A Russian detachment of two officers and 82 men proceeded thither in three boats. The detachment, however, was discovered by the enemy and shots were exchanged, three of our riflemen being killed. Staff Captain Smelsin and 11 riflemen were slightly wounded. The detachment returned to our bank of the river under cover of two guns."

Niuchwang Bombaraded.

New York, April 22.—The Japanese are reported to have bombaraded Niuchwang, says a World dispatch from St. Petersburg. They are rumored to have landed troops who probably will endeavor to effect a junction with the forces supposed to have landed near the mouth of the Yalu river three days ago. There is no confirmation of the story.

Fighting on the Yalu.

London, April 22.—Rumors of fighting on the Yalu river are repeated in various forms and from various points. The Shanghai correspondent of the Post says he has heard that the first Japanese army had crossed the Yalu river almost without opposition and the Chronicle correspondent at Seoul says that heavy fighting has occurred but for strategic reasons it is impossible to send particulars. No authentic news, however, has reached London showing anything has happened beyond skirmishing.

CASTS GLOOM OVER RUSSIA.

Paying Price of Carelessness Says Member of Admiralty.

St. Petersburg, April 22.—Viceroy Alexieff's announcement of the destruction of the launch and the loss of 21 men by an explosion of a Russian mine at Port Arthur has added to the gloom which has prevailed since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk.

"We are paying the price of carelessness," said a member of the admiralty, "and previous disasters seem to teach nothing." The war commission suppressed part of the viceroy's dispatch which showed where the mines were laid. It is believed that

should be considered within a neutral zone. The Imperial Chinese railway gives notice this morning by telegraph that it will not receive code messages at Yinkow. When this is considered the war correspondents now at Mukden and Niuchwang will not be allowed to forward news of the slightest importance.

NEITHER SENATOR SERVES.

Sorry Action of Senate in Appointing Gorman Over Morgan.

Washington, April 22.—The general deficiency appropriation bill occupied most of the senate's time. Before it was taken up Gallinger spoke at some length on the tariff policy of the republican party. While the reading of the deficiency bill was in progress, Cullom spoke on the Chinese exclusion bill.

During the day the attention of the senate was brought to the amendment of the house to the bill for the government canal zone and some embarrassment was created by naming Gorman as the democratic conferee on behalf of the senate in place of Morgan, who is the senior democratic member of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, with the result that both senators declined to serve.

Neary Gets Decision.

Milwaukee, April 22.—Charley Neary at Milwaukee got the decision over Jimmy Briggs of Chelsea, Mass., tonight in a six-round go. Maurice Sayers of Milwaukee won from Chester Goodwin of Boston in the sixth round.

Bert Will Not Resign.

San Francisco, April 22.—President Bert of the Pacific Coast Baseball league tonight denied the report which for the past week has been current that he intended to resign his office.

BASEBALL SCORES.

- Pacific Coast.
- At Portland—Seattle 3, Portland 1.
- At San Francisco—Oakland 2, Tacoma 3.
- At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 1.
- American.
- At Washington—New York 2, Washington 0.
- At Cleveland—Chicago 2, Cleveland 10.
- At Detroit—St. Louis 4, Detroit 4.
- At Philadelphia—Boston 3, Philadelphia 1.
- National.
- At Boston—Brooklyn 6, Boston 2.
- At New York—Philadelphia 3, New York 18.
- At Pittsburg—Cincinnati 10, Pittsburg 4.

SOUTHERN MAN HAS WARM WORDS

Representative From North Carolina Bitterly Assails President Roosevelt in the Lower House.

Includes Grosvenor in Roast Whom He Charges With Inconsistency.

OHIO MEMBER ADMITS PART

Says That He Once Opposed Present Occupant of White House, But Now Conditions Have Changed.

Washington, April 22.—In the house late today President Roosevelt was assailed bitterly by Claude Kitchen of North Carolina, who included in his castigation General Grosvenor, whom he charged with having humiliated Theodore Roosevelt while vice presidential candidate and in a recent speech in the house had gloried him as a worthy successor to McKinley.

General Grosvenor admitted that four years ago he opposed the nomination of Roosevelt for vice president, but said that Roosevelt during the campaign had conducted himself in a dignified manner and had won the confidence and esteem of the people by his acts from the time he was elected to preside over the senate. The democrats in New York, he said, had launched a candidate for president, who did not know whether he stood on his head or heels.

Preceding this episode the house debated the bill to create a commission to investigate the merchant marine, but took no action on it.

Scandinavian Neutrality.

New York, April 22.—According to a telegram from Stockholm, cabled by the Times correspondent at Berlin, negotiations with a view to a joint declaration of neutrality by Norway, Sweden and Denmark have reached a satisfactory conclusion. The agreement will be published toward the end of the month.

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CHANCE FOR GOVERNOR AS VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE

Ex-Senator Charles A. Towne Suggests Name of Chamberlain for Second Place on Democratic Ticket.

Washington, April 22.—Ex-Senator Charles A. Towne was in Washington last week, when he suggested the following men as vice presidential possibilities: Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, ex-Senator Turner of Washington, former Representative Ben Shively of Indiana, Lents of Ohio and Williams of Illinois. It seems likely that if the Pacific coast united on any one candidate for the second place on the democratic ticket, ex-Senator Turner or Governor Chamberlain of Oregon will be the choice. Both are regarded as strong men.

TRANSFER IS MADE.

Transaction Accomplished, Whereby U. S. Gets Canal Contract.

Paris, April 22.—The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the contract by which the contract of the Panama canal passes to the United States is signed and sealed. The title to the canal is now vested in the United States.

The document by which this transaction is consummated bears the signatures of President Bo and Director Richman of the Panama Canal Company, who signed for the company as its responsible officers. The transfer is complete and without reservation and the United States secures a perfect title.

This result has been quietly accomplished and unexpectedly, as the public had been given to understand that the contract would not be executed until after a meeting of the stockholders of

the Panama Canal Company tomorrow which the question of the ratification would be presented.

Reported Jap Attack.

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An Unfriendly Act.

Tien Tsin, April 22.—If Viceroy Alexieff has declared Yinkow a terminus of the Imperial Chinese railway's opposite Niuchwang, to be within the region under martial law, the management of the Imperial Chinese railway will consider it an unfriendly act, as it was rearranged that Yinkow

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